

Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine & Gold Fever Rock Shop

November 9, 2006 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

The last of the sunny fall days arrived at the Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine near Helena, Montana! Gray skies come crowding into my vision. Dark storms on the western horizon will bring snow, wind and harsh conditions all too soon!



Gripping overhanging sagebrush and loose orange shale with bits of frost, Mike and Cass hiked up the steep cliff above the lake to discover shattered water pipes leading to the trommel. We will repair 200 feet of damaged, frozen pipe to continue mining. Presently, we are stocked up on Spokane Bar and Eldorado Bar sapphire gravel to make it through winter sales.



A rush of travelers into Montana in winter, only the foolhardy would think of a trip into the frigid north during winter! Tourists should be arriving in May!

It's a good sign when the Travel Channel's film editor is emailing questions about shipping her sapphire gravel. Editing the episode for the Travel Channel, called "*Cash and Treasures*" series, filmed at the Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine, the editor was interested in purchasing a bag of

sapphire gravel for a Christmas present! I can't help but think there will be some serious interest in mining for sapphires in containers for home entertainment soon!



We are set up to display our sapphire gravel and sapphire jewelry during February 1-5 at Montana's **Billings Merchant Show**. Retail outlets flock to buy products for the year that are manufactured and created by unique artisans and merchants. We are striving to set sapphire earrings and fill tubs of sapphire gravel for the event. Did I forget Christmas?



Our November special, good until November 30th: Every **Party Pak** order gets **one free DVD, *Rocks to Riches!*** Educate your guests about hunting for sapphires and treasure. Other gems found in the gravel include garnet, occasional gold nuggets, hematite fossil seedpods or brachiopods. Varying green stones of jade, olivine, and serpentine are found among the shale, quartz and agate. Order this **Party Pak** item at www.sapphiremine.com. The 3 mm faceted blue sapphire can be ordered for \$10 each. Supply is limited. Order in time for Christmas.

Please update your email and address so you can continue getting the sapphire mine newsletter and all the FREE (and sometimes discounted) special stuff. Specials often include GEM HUNTS, FACETED SAPPHIRES, ELF BOXES, HOBBY AND WINTER GARNET GRAVEL. Be sure and let us know your preferences. I am always thinking of what customers would like from our Gold Fever Rock Shop. Your emails should be set to let spam filters allow our newsletter.

Outstanding opportunity to buy this 3.58 carat appraised sapphire found in September from the Independence Pit at the Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine. Inquire at the mine office 1-406-227-8989. Price is \$3,725.00. Christmas is coming!

 INTERNATIONAL GEMOLOGICAL INFORMATION 589 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY 10017 (212)753-7100. APPRAISAL SUMMARY	
DESCRIPTION: ONE NATURAL CORUNDUM/NATURAL SAPPHIRE, DETAILED DESCRIPTION BELOW:	
	DATE: 10/30/2006 SUMMARY#: 32801729 SHAPE/CUT: ROUND MIXED CUT MEASUREMENT: 8.58 - 8.65 x 6.36 MM. WEIGHT: 3.58 CARATS COLOR: GREENISH BLUE TP GOOD CLARITY: MODERATLY INCLUDED EST. RETAIL REPL. VALUE: \$ 3,725.00
	COMMENTS: THIS APPRAISAL SUMMARY IS FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES. 2-198-7755
<small>PHOTOGRAPH ENLARGED</small>	
<small>NOTICE: TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON REVERSE FOR DETAILED REPORT CALL I.G.I.</small>	

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